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Serial No. 09/898,870 : Examiner: Thien Tran  
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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2004 for the above-identified patent application, Applicants submit a Petition for Extension of Time, the requisite fee, and the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** which begin on page 9.